

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for calculating travel costs for a user comprising:
~~an information request step, wherein the user is prompted~~ prompting a user to enter information for each of a plurality of types of travel products;
[[an]] receiving information ~~receipt step, wherein information~~ for each of the plurality of types of travel products ~~is received from [[a]] the user;~~
~~a calculation step, wherein the received information is used to search through an electronic database to determine the~~ determining a cost of each of the plurality of types of travel products by searching an electronic database using the received information;
~~a reporting step performed after the calculation step,~~ determining the cost, reporting the cost of each of the plurality of types of travel products ~~is reported~~ to the user;
[[a]] prompting step ~~wherein the user is prompted~~ to request alternative travel product information;
~~an alternative travel request receipt step wherein~~ receiving a user request to receive alternative travel product information ~~is received;~~
~~a second calculating step wherein an electronic discount database is accessed to determine~~ determining alternative travel products to offer the user by accessing an electronic discount database based on at least one alternative criteria, wherein the at least one criteria ~~to be~~ searched for ~~during determination of alternative travel products~~ is determined by automatically altering the information for at least one of the plurality of types of travel products received from the user; and
~~an alternative travel reporting the determined step wherein alternative travel products are reported~~ to the user.

2. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 1 wherein ~~the reporting the cost step and the reporting alternative travel products reporting steps~~ comprise displaying a range of prices for each travel product based upon availability of products from different types of product providers; and displaying a total price range for all of the requested travel products.

3. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim [[2]] 1 wherein ~~the information request step~~ receiving information further comprises ~~prompting a receiving from the user to select~~ an airline departure date, a departure location, and a destination location.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 3 wherein ~~the information request step~~ receiving information further comprises ~~prompting a user to select~~ receiving from the user a hotel location and a number of nights to reside at the hotel location.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 4 wherein ~~the information request step~~ receiving information further comprises ~~prompting a user to select~~ receiving from the user a rental car location and a number of days a ~~rental~~ car will be rented.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim [[5]] 3 wherein ~~as part of the calculation step, determining the cost further comprises determining a received duration of time between the airplane departure date and the airplane return date is used to determine the number of nights to reside at [[the]] a hotel location and a and the number of days a rental car will be rented~~ based on the airline departure date and a return date.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 6 wherein ~~as part of the calculation step, the airplane destination city is used to determine determining the cost further comprises determining~~ the hotel location and the rental car location using the destination location.

8. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 5 wherein ~~alternative travel products are found by altering the at least one alternative criteria comprises at least one of the group consisting of: the departure flight city location, the airline departure flight date, the destination city location, the a return flight date, the number of nights of to reside at the hotel rental location, the a type of hotel rented, the number of days of a car will be rented rental, and the a type of car rented, to conform to the requirements of at least one discount in the discount database.~~

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9. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 8 further comprising ~~[[a]] prompting step wherein a user is prompted to purchase travel products.~~

10. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 9 further comprising:

~~a personal information prompting step wherein the user is prompted to enter personal information;~~

~~a personal information receiving step wherein personal information is received from [[a]] the user;~~

~~a payment information prompting step wherein the user is prompted to enter payment information;~~

~~a payment information receiving step wherein payment information is received from [[a]] the user; and~~

~~a reservation step wherein~~ contacting travel product providers of the purchased travel products are contacted, making reservations for the travel products to be purchased are made, and making payment to the travel product providers for the travel products to be purchased.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim ~~[[10]]~~ 1 wherein ~~the information request step~~ receiving information further comprises ~~prompting a receiving from the user to select~~ at least one of the group consisting of: a cruise departure date, a cruise departure location, a cruise destination location, a cruise return date, a cruise provider, a cruise ship, a cruise name, and a cruise passenger class.

12. (Currently Amended) A method ~~for calculating travel costs for a user~~ comprising:
~~an information request step, wherein the user is prompted~~ prompting a user to enter information for a plurality of types of travel products;

~~an receiving information receipt step, wherein information for the a plurality of types of travel products is received from a the user;~~

~~a first calculation step, wherein the received information for the plurality of travel products is used to search through an electronic database of travel products to selecting a plurality of travel products comprising at least two travel product types by searching an~~

electronic database of travel products using the received information and ~~determine the~~ determining a combined cost of the selected plurality of travel products;

~~a second calculation step, wherein searching the electronic database of travel products is searched for automatically generated alterations of the plurality of received travel products product information to take advantage of discounts and selecting an alternative combination of travel products comprising at least two travel product types with a lower combined cost than the selected plurality of travel products;~~ and

[[a]] reporting step after the first calculation step, wherein the combined cost of each of the selected plurality of travel products and the combined cost of the alternative combination of travel products is reported to the user.

13. (Currently Amended) The method ~~for calculating travel costs of~~ Claim 12 wherein ~~the requesting information request step~~ further comprises~~[[:]]~~ prompting ~~a the~~ user to enter at least one of the group consisting of: ~~desired~~ airline, cruise, train, hotel, and car rental information.

14. (Currently Amended) A system for determining travel product prices for users comprising:

an information server coupled to a computer network~~[[:]]~~ coupled to a user terminal
~~coupled to the computer network;~~

a first database coupled to the computer network for storing airplane flight information;
and

a second database coupled to the computer network for storing hotel information; and

a third database coupled to the computer network for storing rental car information;

wherein the information server is configured to receive a request for information on a plurality of types of travel products from the user terminal where the request includes selection criteria for the travel products;

[[,]] wherein the information server is configured to aggregate airplane flight information from the first database, hotel information stored in the second database, and car rental information stored in the third database, based on the selection criteria, and transmit the airplane flight information, hotel information, and car rental information to the user terminal to be

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displayed as a single report with information on each of the plurality of types of travel products[[,]]; and

wherein the information server is configured to calculate ~~permutations~~ variations of the information on the plurality of travel products using the selection criteria or a variation of the selection criteria and provide alternate travel products based on the calculations in the single report.

15. (Currently Amended) The system for determining travel product prices of Claim 14 further comprising:

an airplane flight discount database;

a hotel discount database; and

a car rental discount database;

wherein the information server is further configured to obtain discounted travel product information from the airplane flight discount database, the car rental discount database, and the car rental discount database; and

wherein the information server is further configured to ~~transmit discounted travel product information to the user terminal~~ use the discount travel product information in calculating variations of the information on the plurality of travel products.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for calculating travel costs for a user comprising:
~~an information request step, wherein the prompting a user is prompted to enter information for a plurality of travel products;~~

~~an receiving information receipt step, wherein the information for the a plurality of travel products is received from a the user;~~

~~a first calculation step, wherein the received information is used to search through selecting a plurality of travel products by searching an electronic database of travel products using the received information and determining to determine the cost of the selected plurality of travel products;[[and]]~~

~~a reporting step performed, after the first calculation step, wherein the cost of each of the selected plurality of travel products is reported to the user;~~

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~~a second calculating step wherein~~accessing a discount database ~~is accessed~~ to determine alternative travel products to offer the user using search criteria automatically generated from the information received from the user; and

~~an alternative travel reporting step wherein~~ the alternative travel products are reported to the user.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 17 wherein the prompting ~~information request step~~ further comprises prompting a user to select attributes for at least one of the group consisting of cruise, airplane, hotel, and car rental related travel products.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 18 wherein the reporting the cost of each of the selected plurality of travel products further step comprises displaying a range of prices for each selected travel product based upon availability of products from different product providers[[:]] and displaying a total price range for all of the selected ~~requested~~ travel products.

20. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 18 wherein reporting the alternative travel ~~reporting step~~ comprises displaying alternative travel products in sets, and displaying a total price range for all of the selected alternative travel products in a given set.

21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
providing a user interface to a user over a communications network;
causing the user interface to prompt the user to enter information for a plurality of types of travel products into the user interface;
receiving the information over the communications network;
searching a first database on a server to determine the cost of the plurality of types of travel products;

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generating a report to be displayed through the user interface, the report comprising the cost of each travel product to be displayed concurrently;

causing the user interface to prompt the user to request alternate travel product information;

generating alternative travel product search criteria automatically based on the information from the user;

accessing a second database to determine alternative travel products to offer the user; and

generating a report to be displayed through the user interface, the report comprising the cost of each alternative travel product products to be displayed concurrently.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein a processor in the server executes the searching of the first database.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 21, further comprising:
transmitting the ~~report~~ reports over the communication network to a user device.

24. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the communications network is the Internet.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 21, wherein the first and second databases are each a part of a larger database.

26. (Currently Amended) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 1, wherein dates of travel, type of accommodation, or type of rental car are automatically altered from ~~user~~ the received information to determine alternative travel products.

27. (Currently Amended) The system for determining travel product prices of Claim 14, wherein ~~calculating permutations~~ variations of the information on the plurality of types of

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travel products include ~~permutations~~ variations of dates of travel, type of accommodation, or type of car rental.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 21, wherein generating alternative travel product search criteria automatically based on the information from the user includes altering dates of travel, type of accommodation, or type of car rental.

29. (New) The method for calculating travel costs of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of types of travel products comprises at least two selected from the list of: hotel products, airline products, cruise products, car rental products, and train products.